THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCA* TION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI).

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

Role of Employees' Association sug-guested K.VS Review Committee

*393. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA; DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) what are the details of sugges tion/views, expresed by KVS Review Committee about the role of emplo yees' associations in Kendiray Vidya-laya Sangathan; and

(b) what is Sangathan's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIL. P. SHAHI): (a) The Review Commitee has not made any recommendation in thi3 regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Declining attraction of Sanchi as a Tourist Spot

•394. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Sanchi a famous tourist spot has been losing attraction gradually particularly among jthe foreign tourists visiting the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have gone into the reasons behind the decline in the number of tourists to the famous Buddhist Stupa, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the authorities responsible for the development of the area, the areas of their responsibilities and to what extent each of them has fulfilled its task; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by the Government to ensure that this famous Stupa does not lose tourists attraction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PATIL); (a) and (b) There has been a steady increase in the total number of tourists visiting Sanchi during the last three years. However, there was some decline in foreign tourist traffic to the centre primarily due to lack of suitable accommodation facilities.

(c) The agency responsible for maintenance of monuments is the Archaeological Survey of India. However, the State Government is mainly responsible for providing tourism in-frastructure like roads, civic amenities and other facilities. The Central Department of Tourism also provides assistance to the State Government for undertaking developmental work. The agencies concerned have fulfilled their tasks within the limitation of resources and other priorities.

(d) The steps contemplated by the Government for developing tourist attraction include upgradation of accommodation facilities, surfacing and widening of roads, introduction *oi* tourist transport facilities at Sanchi, creating toilet and drinking water facilities near the Stupa Complex ar»

giving wide publicity of the centre in overseas markets.

Import of Aviation fuel

*395. SHRI PRITHIBl MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) -whether the Aviation iuel in India is imported;

(ib) if so, the foreign exchange involved annually;

(c) what are the landing charges paid by aircraft in India; and

(d) whether any measures have been taken not to depend on the im ported fuel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND[1] TOURISM (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PATIL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The value of import of ATF was about Rs. 16.76 crores during the year 1987-88.

(c) Landing charges are levied in relation to th$_e$ weight of the aircraft. The present rates of landing charges levied on different type of aircraft are given in the enclosed Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIX, Annuxure No. 171].

(d) Only marginal quantities of avaiation fuel ar$_e$ imported to meet periodic shortfalls due to refinery shutdowns of logistic requirements.

Quota of Concessional Papers for Orissa

*396. SHRI SUB AS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total quota of concessional paper released to Orissa during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been reduction in the quota of concessional paper allotted to the States;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the allocation of concessional papers so that the State does not face problems on account of the shortfall of concee-sionai paper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAH1): (a) The following quantity of White Printing Paper had been allotted to the State of Orissa during the last three years: —

(1) 1986—6,295 MTs.

(2) 1987—2,729 MTs.

(3) 1988—2,298 MTs.

(b) to (d) Under the Paper (Control of Prodution) Order, 1978, the total quantity of White Printing Paper allotted to the educational sector in the States/UTs-.. S D WD WDWD lakh MTs. during 1986. However, the actual supplies by the Mills had been around 50 per cent only of the allot-ments made. In January, 1987 Government repelled the Paper Control Order.

With a view to ensuring timely supply of paper to the educational sector, and to ensure that the price of textbooks, exercise books, etc,, were not unduly affected by the repeal, a subsidy scheme with an annual allocation of Rs. 24 crores was introduced. This subsidy is provide at the rate of Rs. 3,000 per tonne. 80,000 MTs. can be made available for distribution to States/UTs. in a year.

There has been practically no reduction in the availability of paper to the States/UTs after the repeal of the Paper Control Order.